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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING FEES FOR US MILITARY
AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: A.KHARTOUM 1530; B.EMBASSY OM SEPT 11, 1974;

C. KHARTOUM 2591

1. USAF REPORTS THAT IT IS UNABLE TO VERIFY VALIDITY OF
INVOICES FORWARDED BY REF B FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING FEES
ALLEGEDLY INCURRED BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN SUDAN DURING
PERIOD 20 MARCH 1959-2 MAY 1967. MANY OF THE INVOICES
ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY AF FORM 15, IN WHICH CASE IT IS
NOT EVEN POSSIBLE TO VERIFY THAT FLIGHT TOOK PLACE. EVEN
WHERE AF FORM 15 IS ATTACHED, THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE
AT THIS LATE DATE WHETHER PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE. RECORDS
PERTAINING TO THAT PERIOD OF TIME ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE.
SINCE GOS ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF PAYMENT OF NEARLY HALF
OF TOTAL AMOUNT REFLECTED IN INVOICES, USG MAY WELL HAVE
ALREADY PAID ALL SUBSTANTIATED INVOICES.

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2. ASSUMING THAT SOME INVOICES WERE NOT PAID, IT IS

POSSIBLE THAT PAYMENT WAS REFUSED ON ANY OF SEVERAL GROUNDS.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY

ADVOCATED THE INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE THAT ALL STATE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM TAXES, DUTIES AND SET FEES NORMALLY IMPOSED ON CIVIL AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING OVERFLIGHT CHARGES AND FEES FOR THE USE OF FIXED FACILITIES SUCH AS NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND RUNWAYS. STATE AIRCRAFT ARE NORMALLY REQUIRED TO PAY ONLY FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THEM AS A RESULT OF AN EXPRESS REQUEST OF THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER OR OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITY (E.G., CHARGES FOR SERVICING OR MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT, TOWING CHARGES, SPECIAL AIRPORT CHARGES SUCH AS FOR TURNING ON AIRPORT LIGHTS FOR A NIGHTLANDING). THUS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PAYMENT OF INVOICES WAS MADE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS DESIGNED TO WEED OUT INAPPROPRIATE CHARGES. ALSO, THE FEW CABLES ON FILE FROM TIME PERIOD IN QUESTION INDICATE THAT EMBASSY REFUSED PAYMENT OF SOME OF THE INVOICES ON GROUNDS FLIGHTS CONCERNED WERE ON BEHALF OF UN RATHER THAN USG. THUS, EMBASSY AIRGRAM 285 OF APRIL 25, 1961, REPORTED THAT INVOICES AP-28, OF-34, AP-70, OF-87, AP-115, OF-136, AND AP-171 (ALL OF WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE PACKET FORWARDED BY REF B) WERE RETURNED TO GOS ON GROUNDS THEY INCLUDED CHARGES AGAINST USAF AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING IN UN CONGO OPERATION AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE REFERRED TO UN RATHER THAN USG.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RETURN INVOICES TO GOS WITHOUT PAYMENT, DRAWING UPON PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE FOR EXPLANATION OF USG POSITION. INGERSOLL

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